

REMARKS

I. Prosecution History.

In response to a second Restriction Requirement (Paper No. _____) dated March 20, 2003, claim 58 was elected with traverse. Claims 32 and 41 have been amended herein.

II. Explanation of amendments.

The undersigned agent wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephone discussion of May 7, 2003 relating to the likely allowance of claim 58. In accordance with the examiner's information, claims 32 and 41 are made dependant on claim 58, which in combination with the arguments presented in the applicant's response to the restriction requirement of March 20, 2003 illustrates why restriction between the groups of these claims and their dependant claims and the group of claim 58 was improper.

In this amendment, support for replacing the terms "arylsulfonyl" and "alkylsulfonyl" with the terms "arylsulfonyloxy" and "alkylsulfonyloxy", respectively, find support throughout the application (see especially, page 14, lines 16-17) and is intended to reflect the correct chemical nomenclature for these groups. The additional amendments are fully supported throughout the specification as originally filed and are intended to exclude non-elected subject matter in accordance with the Examiner's restriction requirement. Applicant hereby states that the amendments do not represent new matter. The Applicants do not intend by these or any other amendments to abandon the subject matter of any claim as originally presented, and reserve the right to pursue such subject matter in other applications, such as continuing applications and divisional applications.

Claims 32-56 are within the scope of claim 58 without further amendment. It is submitted that the claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance and the applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Should the Patent Office wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the Patent Office is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance and the applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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